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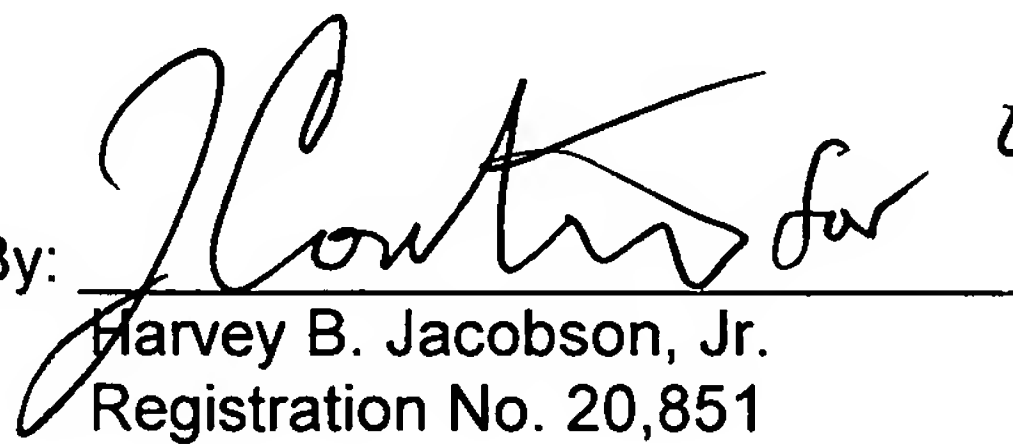
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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached, excluding U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications. An English abstract translation of European Patent No. EP 0 406 587 A2 is attached. European Patent No. EP 0 442 310 A1 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,165,728. The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in the specification and/or an International Search Report (ISR). A copy of the ISR is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and make them of record in the file of this application.

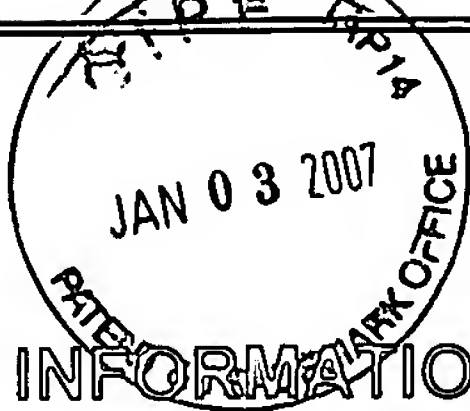
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